[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As regards the amount written off during 1097, the member is referred to page 34 of the *Administration Report* for 1097. The figure for 1098 is Rs. 4,476. The amounts were written off as the defaulters were found to possess no property from which the arrears could be recovered.

Re-auctioning of Arrack and Toddy Shops.

53. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many arrack and toddy shops had to be re-auctioned for default of payment of *kist* in 1097 and 1098?

(*b*) What was the fall in the bid incurred by conducting such re-auction?

(*c*) What amount had to be written off in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner from the amount of arrears due to the failure of payment of *kist*? Will the Government be pleased to state what explanation the Commissioner has for the same?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 27 arrack shops and 5 toddy shops were re-auctioned in 1097 and 33 arrack shops and 10 toddy shops in 1098, for default of payment of *kist*.

(*b*) The fall in the bid at the re-auction was as below:

	1097.			*1098.*		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.
Arrack	12,737	7	5	1,545	0	0
Toddy	2,020	0	0	280	0	0

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 52 by Mr. M. N. Pillai.

Students Debarred from Attending Colleges.

54. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to re-consider the case of those students who were debarred from attending colleges by the Madras University on account of the students' strike and recommend to the University the remission of their punishment?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is one between the Principal of the College and the University.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to ask the Principal to re-consider the question?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is there. It is a matter entirely between the Principal of the College and the University, in which the Government cannot take any initiative.

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